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- This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
- This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.
- This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:
 - ☐ (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of _____ sheets, as follows:
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 - ☐ (sent to the International Bureau only) a total of _____, containing a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto, in computer readable form only, as indicated in the Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing (see Section 802 of the Administrative Instructions).
- This report contains indications relating to the following items:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is language of a translation furnished for the purpose of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☒ The international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☐ the description:
- pages _____, as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ the claims:
- pages _____, as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ the drawings:
- pages _____, as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

☐ the entire international application.

☒ claims Nos. 9

because:

☒ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. 9 relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

See supplemental sheet

☐ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. _____ are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. _____ are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

☒ no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. 9

☐ the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions in that:

the written form

☐ has not been furnished

☐ does not comply with the standard

the computer readable form

☐ has not been furnished

☐ does not comply with the standard

☐ the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in computer readable form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions.

☐ see Supplemental Box for further details.

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Supplemental Box

(To be used when the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient)

Continuation of: III. 1.

Claim 9 pertains to methods for treatment of the human body by therapy, and thus relates to subject matter which does not require international preliminary examination by this International Preliminary Examining Authority, under the provisions of PCT Article 34(4)(a)(i) and PCT Rule 67.1(iv).

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	5, 6	YES
	Claims	1-4, 7, 8, 10	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-8, 10	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-8, 10	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Documents cited in the international search report

Document 1: WO 93/06831 A1 (Board of Regents, The University of Texas System), 15 April 1993

Document 2: Alexander A. Babakhin et al., "Effect of misoprostol on the secretion of histamine from basophils of whole blood", Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology, 2000, Vol. 84, No. 3, pp. 361-365

Document 3: WO 98/34916 A1 (Ono Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.), 13 August 1998

Document 4: N. Ibrahim et al., "Prostaglandin E2 inhibits spontaneous inhibitory postsynaptic currents in rat supraoptic neurones via presynaptic EP receptors", Journal of Neuroendocrinology, 1999, Vol. 11, pp. 879-886

Document 5: S. J. Lydford et al., "Pharmacological studies on prostanoid receptors in the rabbit isolated ear artery", British Journal of Pharmacology, 1996, Vol. 117, No. 1, pp. 13-20

Document 6: US 5157052 A (Monsanto Company), 31 August 1993

Document 7: WO 02/20462 A1 (Ono Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd.), 14 March 2002

Explanations

The inventions set forth in claims 1-4, 7 and 10 are not novel over documents 1 and 2, cited in the international search report.

Documents 1 and 2 disclose the efficacy of compounds such as misoprostil, which have EP3 receptor agonist activity, in preventing and treating allergic disorders such as asthma.

The inventions set forth in claims 1-8 and 10 do not involve an inventive step in the light of documents 1-3, cited in the international search report.

Document 3 discloses the fact that compounds described in claims 5 and 6 act by binding strongly to the EP3 receptor.

It is common practice in the art to select the types of allergic condition to be treated by a pharmaceutical preparation, and the compound(s) used and/or types of concomitantly used drugs, as appropriate for the intended purpose; and a person skilled in the art could easily specify the types of allergic conditions and the compounds and concomitantly used drugs, etc., in the case of prophylactic and therapeutic agents containing a compound having EP3 receptor agonist activity, disclosed in documents 1 and 2, to give the inventions set forth in claims 1-8 and 10.